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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement, filed in this matter on October 4, 2005, refers to a Search Report which issued for International Application No. PCT/FR2003/003218, from which the present U.S. Patent Application is derived.

The International Search Report, and an earlier Search Report (No. FA 625145) which issued for French Patent Application No. 02/13975, the priority of which is claimed in connection with the present application, both cite the following document:

Foreign Document

EP 0 715 508 (Micro Mega International
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The Office Action which issued in this matter on April 14, 2006, acknowledges the receipt of this Information Disclosure Statement, but indicates that EP 0 715 508 had not been considered because a copy of the document was not supplied.

However, for reasons discussed in the "Reply" which accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement, applicants' submission of EP 0 715 508 fully complied with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), and was appropriately considered. A copy of EP 0 715 508 has, nevertheless, been obtained for the Examiner's convenience and is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement. Due consideration of this document is respectfully requested.

While obtaining the enclosed copy of EP 0 715 508, the following documents have additionally been identified:

U.S. Patent

5,816,808 (Gambarini et al.) - Issued: October 6, 1998

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WO 95/35068 (Gambarini et al.) -

- Published: December 28, 1995

International Publication No. WO 95/35068 constitutes an additional publication of EP 0 715 508, as noted on the cover page which is enclosed with the International Publication. U.S. Patent No. 5,816,808 issued from a U.S. Patent Application which was the national stage of the International Application which is published in International Publication No. WO 95/35068.

Copies of the above-listed documents are enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement, and the consideration of these documents is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R.

§1.56(a)(2).

It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the above-listed documents by initialling the PTO-1449 form (1) which is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement and which lists the documents being submitted for consideration, and by providing applicants with copies of the initialled forms.

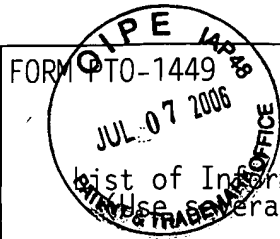
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Corresponding action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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